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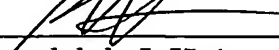
Sir:

Enclosed is the English language translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability related to the above-identified 35 U.S.C. §371 National Phase Application based on PCT/EP2004/004864.

Prompt examination of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant PETER OSYPKA STIFTUNG et al	

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Applicant's or agent's file reference PC 04 234 M	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
International application No. PCT/EP2004/004864	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 07 May 2004 (07.05.2004)	Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 13 May 2003 (13.05.2003)	
International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
Applicant PETER OSEPKA STIFTUNG			

1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V | Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

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PC 04 234 M

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See paragraph 2 below

International application No.

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PETER OSYPKA STIFTUNG

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☒ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability: citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

International application No.

PCT/EP2004/004864

Box No. 1 Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

- ☐ a sequence listing
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

- ☐ in written format
☐ in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

- ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

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4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II

Priority

1. ☒ The following document has not yet been furnished:☒ copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).☐ translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. ☐ This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis 1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)

Claims

3

YES

Claims

1, 2, 4-7

NO

Inventive step (IS)

Claims

YES

Claims

1-7

NO

Industrial applicability (IA)

Claims

1-7

YES

Claims

NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1. This report makes reference to the following documents cited in the search report; the same numbering will be used throughout the procedure:

D1: US-A-5 443 492 (MCVENES RICK D ET AL) 22 August 1995
(1995-08-22)

D2: US-A-5 246 014 (RYDEN STEN J ET AL) 21 September 1993
(1993-09-21)

2. Document D1 is considered the closest prior art for the subject matter of claim 1. It discloses (the reference signs between parentheses refer to this document):

A pacemaker electrode array (column 1, lines 7 to 10), with a pacemaker electrode (column 1, lines 13 to 14) which acts upon the outside of the heart (column 1, line 22) in the use position and extends to an implanted pacemaker (column 1, lines 16 to 19) and which has an electrode feed line (figure 5, part 16) and can be secured in the use position by an anchor (figure 5, part 18) from the direction of the outside of the heart, and

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Box No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability:
citations and explanations supporting such statement

with at least one aid (slit in cannula, figure 5, part 46) serving to position the anchor, the aid being provided in the form of a puncture cannula and an insertion tube (figure 6) for this puncture cannula, and the internal cross section and anchor fits and can be displaced therein (column 6, lines 47 to 49).

Therefore, the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

3. Dependent claims 2 to 7 do not appear to disclose any additional technical features which, in combination with the features of the claims to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty or inventive step (PCT Article 33(2) or (3)), because all these features are either already known from document D1 or document D2 or represent, to a person skilled in the art, an obvious solution to the respective problem (see Guidelines IV-8.8).

However, if an admissible independent claim 1 is submitted, the claims dependent thereon may also be admissible.